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Subject: Weekly Status Update

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Hoping that everyone is enjoying the holidays. The following is the update of what has happened this week:

- 1. Thanks to Theresa Dougherty that has sent a formal request for an extension to the public comment period. The request is made primarily for the following reasons:
  - a. Theresa sent a Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) requesting all records related to this matter. The County has indicated it will not be until January 22 until the request can be fulfilled, long after the current comment close date of January 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Theresa also sent a formal request that all comments received prior to the office notice be posted to the link and become part of the file. The County has responded that there is no precedent for this and their decision is to only include those letters and comments that were received after the formal notice. The County has indicated this will go to legal review, but again the decision is not expected until after the comment period.
  - c. Due to the holidays, there is limited time for public comment.
- 2. Several letters have been sent in, which we thank you for all your support. The Yakima Nation has also sent a letter requesting further review as it relates to cultural sites and the impact to the Yakima Basin watershed. If you have not yet sent an individual letter in with your specific comments, we would encourage you to do so.
- 3. On December 14, the DNR posted a Notice of Violation on the proposed site stating that all construction was to stop immediately and they were to contact DNR immediately. We do not know the results as of this date.
- 4. There is a letter from the Department of Health that has been sent in from the notice. It states that the DOH Office of Drinking Water (ODW) approved a drinking water application on July 3, 2020 for an "existing 8 cabins and connections" for Hidden Point AD906J, as a Group B. DOH stated that if this is the same owner/property, then 24 cabins would require an additional application for review and approval and would transition to a Group A site.
- 5. As a CUP comparison in our area, the Teanaway Solar Reserve LLC submitted a CUP for a proposed solar farm in 2009. The CUP was deemed complete on 8/22/2009. SEPA issued a MDNS on 7/15/2010. The CUP was also subject to a 15 day comment period. Public hearings were held on 9/21/2010 and 10/5/2010. The proposed development was on land zoned as Rural and was 982 acres of which 477 acres would be disturbed land. Due to comments by WDFW, DNR and Yakima Nation as well as a multitude of citizens, various studies were

required to be conducted including: Cultural Resources Plan . Fugitive Dust Control Plan, Tree Planting Plan, Vegetation Management Plan, Hydrologic Analysis, Sensitive Species Surveys, Geology and Soils Study and a Wildlife Mitigation Plan. Prior to construction they were also required to present a noxious weed control plan and a Traffic Management Plan. CH2M Hill was retained to conduct these studies. All of these studies can be reviewed by going to the Kittitas County Community Development Services Website and type in Teanaway Solar Reserve. They were also required to widen the road to 24 feet and pave it and all secondary roads widened to 16 feet. The CUP was supplemented in February 2010. I have attached along with the summary table of all comments and the TSR comments. At a minimum, it would appear similar studies should be conducted for this site. However, as you will see, the CUP as amended that is attached, is quite different than what has been submitted here. Further, TSR, not the county, sent letters to everyone in close proximity to the proposed site on July 9, 2009 and everyone in the 98922 zip code on December 2, 2009. Hidden Point LLC has not submitted the CUP to address several important questions. They have also not directly contacted anyone explaining what their intentions are. For those that have time, I would suggest you review the various studies and to the extent you believe there are similaries to what needs to be done here, to submit those requests to the County. You will see that the file is extensive. The CUP was approved by the County on August 12, 2010, nearly 1 year after the CUP was submitted and only after extensive studies were done to demonstrate mitigation measures.

6. The non-profit Hidden Valley Rural Character Preservation Society bank account has been set up at Cashmere Bank in Cle Elum. Now that the non-profit is established and the bank account set up, we would greatly appreciate any donations that you could make to help contribute to the legal costs to help preserve our community's rural character. While there is no charge to join the society and everyone in this update list will continue to receive weekly updates unless you ask for your name to be removed, those that donate will receive additional detailed updates, all legal filings, monthly legal statements and bank account statements, and will be able to participate in any potential zoom or other calls with our counsel James Carmody as requested. For those donations dated before the end of the year you will receive a receipt of your donation for tax purposes. For those received next year, those will be applicable to the 2021 tax year. Please make your checks out to The Hidden Valley Rural Character Preservation Society. I appreciate those of you that have sent in checks. You can send them to my attention c/o Unionville Ranch, LLC, 1750 Emerick Road, Cle Elum, WA 98922 or you can drop them by the office between 9 AM and 5 PM this week. However, the office will be closed on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Again, all of my time is being donated to the Society management and coordination of the work of our community thru the nonprofit in opposition to the proposed development.

Again, thank you for all your support. Happy New Year!

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